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THE DIFFERENCE.

There was a difference between the two. The first was a girl of twenty or thereabouts. Her face was rather fine than beautiful—one of those faces that do the soul justice, and perhaps in youth somewhat more than in age. Her manner was reserved but business-like. An extraordinary family, Carl thought, in which the mother goes behind the door, and leaves the daughter to transact the business. The father is plainly away teaching his music. Carl made his fine European bow, and returned seated until the young lady seated herself and said, calmly, "You wish to take music lessons, my mother tells me."

THE NATURAL METHOD.

The following conversation took place one Sunday afternoon in an upper room of a German hotel in New York. On the sofa lay a violin, on the table were two young men, and facing them were two young women. The conversation was in German, which translated into English, "You have come to New York, have you?" "Yes, I have," said the young man, "it is for money," said the elder of the two men, fingering his heavy watch chain, and eyeing complacently his gentle boots.

"It is money I want," answered his companion—"money to buy me leisure and freedom. It shall be the servant of my art. It is the life of a dog, this teaching. It will kill in America. You would live in this land, you say, are twenty in Germany. Five years of the dog's life will buy me fifteen of the musician's."

"Oh, Carl, you lamb of an innocent!" cried the other from out of a cloud of smoke. "You landed yesterday. You're not yet Americanized. I tell you this is the place to win money, and the place to find out what money is worth. There is nothing money can do in America. You would buy leisure! You will want your money to buy good clothes, good company, and a pretty wife."

Carl shrugged his shoulders in protest. "That is what I have done. Between us two I am a hump, but I am a tolerably successful hump. They do not respect it. They are glib as the wind. Let your hair grow long, your talents high, talk as bad English as you can, and be what the ladies call 'so charmingly foreign.' There you have it."

"Ah, Friedrich, you are changed," said Carl with a laugh and a sigh and a shrug. "And have you forsaken your art? Do you rise no higher? Are you so soon content?" "Carl, that is all your German sentiment. You have something in your heart. But if you mean to amount to anything, you will not go mooning round with your head among the stars, talking eternally about your art. You will find yourself in a garret: that is what art for a man in America. You have a rare chance with me for a friend: excuse my plain speech. You have come to New York, and you are a violinist, and you are a German. How much English do you know?"

"Enough to eat and drink and sleep," said Carl, with a blundering girl how to hold her hands properly. "I could quickly learn, I think. I have the English books."

"That will not do. You must take a short way. Let us think. Carl walked out to the window and looked curiously out at the foreign street scene. He was a well-favored young fellow of twenty-two, with Teutonic features and complexion. His hair was tossed back from a square broad forehead. His eyes were dark and deep-set, and would have been melancholy as the traditional artist's, had not an occasional flash revealed that the boy, too, was still behind them."

Friedrich had called in his pipe to assist his meditations. "I have it," he cried at last. "You have no objection to having a little in a good cause? Or stay, there is no need of that. I will tell you, young man, this is your course. Find out an American music teacher, and take lessons of him for a few weeks. Pretend you do not know one note from another, make every mistake you can. Then, when you are corrected, and I will wager six weeks of that will give you more of the English you want than six months of the dictionaries. It is the natural method, which they are all going crazy over. Sauveur would advise you to do. Then drop in when I am giving my lessons—I give fifteen or twenty a day—a lesson of a half-hour—and catch what you can then."

Carl brightened. There was a flavor of adventure about this scheme. "It will be a very good joke on the music master," he said. "He will never guess that I have played before. It will be very mischievous, I am afraid."

"It will not hurt him," laughed Friedrich. "You would better look for him as soon as you play a lesson. Express your gratitude to him, and then say to him, 'I go to dine with the Varenhoppers. That is what I have achieved.'"

The next day a young German was walking slowly along a shabby-genteel street, and looking earnestly at each door he passed. "Musik-lessons, musik-lessons," he murmured, "no such sign met his eye. Ah! here at last is a window that catches the invitation, 'Lessons on the Piano.'"



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—George W. Childs has purchased the Germantown Telegraph. Mr. Raymond, a son of H. J. Raymond, who was formerly editor of the New York Times, will have the editorial management.

—The Patrons of Husbandry of Maryland, West Virginia, New Jersey, Delaware and this State will hold their tenth annual inter-state picnic at Williams Grove, Cumberland county, August 20.

—The Ohio Republican State Committee organized yesterday. J. O. Converse is the general chairman, and J. Finley O'Leary, Auditor of State, is to have charge of the Executive Committee. The selections made are good ones.

—Colonel Richardson, "the largest grower of cotton in the world," advises the planters of the Mississippi Valley to "use more corn and hogs, grasses and small grain, live more at home, and not have their corn cribs and smoke houses at the West," if they would escape bankruptcy.

—Mr. Farnell is reported to have said recently when asked how he was affected by the Papal excommunication: "I don't know what it will do for me in the next world, but it has made my fortune in this." His Testimonial Fund is rapidly nearing the intended sum of \$125,000, while before the Pope's circular was issued there was little prospect of it ever reaching \$50,000. Other leaders of associations and combinations are in the habit of realizing fortunes or at least pleasant, idle lives in the same way.

—The bill has passed the Legislature in Illinois fixing the whiskey license at \$500 and the beer license at \$150. The bill further provides that County Boards may grant licenses to keep as many dram shops in their county as they may think the public good requires, upon the application by petition of a majority of the legal voters of the town, if the county is under township organization; if not, of a majority of the voters of the election precinct or district where the dram shop is proposed to be located. It is said that the law will close at least a thousand dram shops in Chicago alone.

—The University of Pennsylvania has, in respect of its courses of collegiate study, made a new departure. The student has, at the end of the sophomore year, the choice of three distinct fields. He may continue in the regular academic course, he may study for a diploma in science, or in the special line of mechanical or civil engineering, or he may, in the school of finance, fit himself for business life. In this last course the studies include political economy, constitutional law, mercantile law and practice, the history and laws of finance, legislation and administration, and the theory and practice of accounting, and also general literature, history, and modern languages.

—The Democratic Judicial Convention was held at Doylestown last Thursday. Symington Phillips, of Bristol, was made permanent chairman, and Nathan C. James, of Doylestown; Hiram Scarborough, of New Hope; Silas H. Beans, of Buckingham; Aaron B. Waly, of Quakertown; Michael Dougherty, of Bristol; J. Johnson Beans, of Warminster; and Dr. W. W. Grim, of Nockamunn, vice president. Seventy-four delegates were present.

In a brief speech George Ross nominated Harman Yerkes for President Judge. John G. Vandegriff, of Bensalem, moved to make the nomination by acclamation, but subsequently accepted an amendment providing for a call of delegates. Every delegate cast his vote for Mr. Yerkes.

In the afternoon the Democratic standing committee met and fixed the date for holding the County Convention for Monday, September 25. George Ross was elected a delegate to the State Convention to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Yerkes, who was chosen last fall.

—Professor Kate Sanborn, of Smith College, has written an interesting article on the social life at Smith College, from which it appears that in many respects it is a phenomenal institution. The women, for instance, are treated rationally as men, and are allowed the same privileges as men. It is neither a nursery nor a nunnery, and the majority of the students live in pretty little cottages, where they keep house as though at home. The girls are not hampered by rules, which are conspicuous by their absence; but are placed on their honor. They are expected to appear at recitations with reasonable regularity; but beyond that they walk, row, ride, drive, attend musical or dramatic entertainments, or accept invitations from friends in town as they please. All this gives a vision of untrammelled freedom rarely accorded to young women even in unconventional America; but Professor Sanborn assures us that it has led to no unpleasant results, she adds: "People who are well aware of the existence, success and grand achievements of Vassar and Wellesley, do seem wonderfully ignorant about the only and original Woman's College, that, in its high standard of scholarship and its requirements for entering, stands fully and clearly on a par with Harvard, Yale, Dartmouth and our other first class male colleges."

—St. Nicholas says the city boys greatly amused the Connecticut farmers with their intimate knowledge of country matters. "Who watered those plants last night?" asked a little fellow at Guilford, catching a first glimpse of dew on the grass. "My eye! what big lemons!" was an exclamation called out by squashes in the garden. "I say! who owns all the robins round here?" was another amusing question. At Old Lyme an urban colonist could not repress his astonishment when he saw a man digging potatoes in the field. "Haven't you any barrels in your cellar?" he asked, contemptuously. "Why do you keep 'em stowed in the ground that way?"

—Charles A. Howe, an express messenger, obtained judgment for \$12,000, at Boston, against the Fitchburg Railroad Company for disabling injuries in a collision.

—During a thunder storm at Morrisville, N. Y., the other day, a widow lady who had been partially paralyzed for two years was cured of her palsy by a flash of lightning which struck the house she was in.

—Mrs. Anadiba Joshee is the first East Indian woman who has ever attempted to study medicine. She sailed from Calcutta April 9 and will, on her arrival, enter the Female Medical College in Philadelphia.

—The Czar, in connection with his coronation, has pardoned a number of Nihilists, among them six who had been sentenced to death to indefinite servitude, and others sentenced for life to limited periods. These acts of mercy have given much satisfaction.

—The bodies of two women—Mrs. Bertha Bleehen and Mrs. Cornelia Walberg—were cremated at Washington Pa., on Saturday last. Twenty bodies have now been cremated at the Washington furnace, nine of them, including the two mentioned above, being from New York, and most of them being those of Germans.

—A New Haven, Conn., physician travelling last season in Germany was so much taken with a diminutive clock exhibited in a window, that he bought it and took home as a curiosity. His surprise may be imagined when upon opening it to find it was the imprint of the company, whose manufactory was within half a dozen blocks of his own home at New Haven.

—Robert Collyer, in a recent after dinner speech, declared that "the Church is the mother and the stage is the daughter," and instanced the fact that while a general assembly of the Scotch Presbyterian church was sitting in Edinburgh, Mrs. Siddons came there, and on her nights it adjourned at an early hour to enable its reverend members to attend the play.

—Shepherdstown, Md., has a horse which is a great practical joker. He picks up small pigs and lambs without hurting them, and lays them down at a distance, unmistakably enjoying their amazement. A bellowing call treated in the same way evidently convulsed him with internal laughter. He ended by dumping it on a pile of straw and playfully rolling it over, and then he pranced chuckling away.

—A North Carolina girl has twice been struck by lightning, twice attacked by train robbers, once nearly drowned, run away with and thrown by horses a number of times, and in other ways placed in danger to life and limb. She still lives, is unmarried, and is as buxom and merry a lass as one would wish to see. Most women of her experience would have been frightened into permanent hysterics or married a mock hero before this.

—James Darin, a farmer at Shreveport, La., was boring a well on his farm last week, when his son essayed to descend to remove some obstruction by which the blades of the auger were detached. The young man was immediately overcome by foul air, and fell to the bottom of the shaft. His father went to the rescue, and was also overcome and fell in. The well had been bored a distance of sixty feet, and both father and son were instantly killed by the fall.

—An unfortunate young man by the name of Percy W. Hastings, living in Leominster, Mass., whose body below his neck was completely paralyzed by a fall in a gymnasium three years ago, has learned to paint in water-colors, holding the brush between his teeth. An attendant mixes the colors and puts the brush in his mouth. His skill is said by those who have seen the results of it to be surprising, and his progress is so rapid that his friend actually expects his paintings to attain celebrity by reason of their artistic value independently of the physical dexterity which produces them.

—A few days since, a Russian girl called upon the New Haven City Registrar for a marriage license but it was refused as she was under age, and the consent of her parents in Russia was required. Soon after, another older girl of the same name applied and secured the desired paper. Then the first girl presented herself to a clergyman with the certificate and was married by him—all of which shows the facility with which the law can be evaded. A marriage without a license is valid in Connecticut, but the clergyman renders himself liable to prosecution; and it is said that many are thus liable. It would seem desirable that some provision should be made whereby compliance with the requirements of the law should be certified to by some other officer, and the clergyman relieved of this trouble.

—Six young men, the sons of respectable shopkeepers in Pesth, formed a kind of club and agreed to put their spare money into a general fund to be expended from time to time in social enjoyment. In the course of a few weeks they had exhausted their resources, and life having thus lost its charm, they determined to quit the world together. Accordingly they journeyed to a wood not far from the city, taking a revolver with them as the common instrument of death. When the preliminaries had been arranged one of them, a boy of seventeen, shot himself through the neck and breast, whereupon four of his companions lost heart and fled, but the fifth picking up the revolver discharged it at his heart. One of the persistent fools was fatally injured, but the other is expected to recover.

—One of the Elzev. CLEVELAND, OHIO.—The Plain Dealer reports that Hon. Martin A. Flinn, Congressman elect from the Cleveland, Ohio, district has used St. Jacobs Oil in his family and has always found it safe and reliable, and it afforded him great relief to a lame knee.

Many people clean their cellars at the regular house cleaning time, during the first week in May, and then complain of "malaria" and "spring fever" until July. My advice is to wait till the middle of June, and then the cellar is a cool retreat instead of a lamp, chilly fever district. But, at some time or other, every body, the cellar should be thoroughly overhauled under the personal supervision of the housekeeper. Fever lurks in that corner where odds and ends have been piled ever since you moved into the house. There stands a barrel which Bridget has never emptied, though she has "cleaned the cellar" twice. You upset the barrel and have to rid away for it.

"Oh, yes, mum!" I do remember now: there was cabbage in that barrel winter before last and I threw in a few rotten potatoes—they were littered up the cellar! The barrel is full of diphtheria and scarlet fever—all with it!

If you have ever known the advantage of a cement floor to a cellar you will insist on having such a floor, if your bedrooms go carpetless to pay for it. "I haven't reached my parlor yet," said a friend the other day, "but if you'll step into my cellar you'll see that we have spent a little money on luxuries."

We went down to the cellar; the floor was cemented, and a gas burner made the place light even with the grating had to be covered. A work bench with two or three large drawers and shelves occupied one corner, where the boys tried their hand at carpentering and modeling, the only rule being to put everything neat before they left. A closet was fitted in between the wall and chimney for preserves, and the hanging shelves were protected by mosquito netting curtains. There was not a corner that could harbor disease.

"This has cost us about fifty dollars, and next year we intend to improve the kitchen and basement," said the bright mistress, as she turned off the gas, and we went back to the parlor. How many would begrudge the fifty dollars, and yet be forced to put it out in doctor's bill, or in seeking "change of air," which would not have been needed if the air of the house were pure and wholesome! But, at any rate, if we cannot do all that we would in our cellars let us do what we can; have every box and barrel emptied, and the old trash disposed of, and the place made sweet and clean.—Correspondent, Congregationalist.

SELECTIONS FOR 1884.—It is best that the party should not be hopelessly divided on the question of who shall lead us. It is best that delegates to the convention of 1884 should be elected without clamor, intrigue, or the medium of packed caucuses and conventions swayed by malice, patronage or desire for revenge. It is best that all should meet throughout the Union and counsel together; should select careful, earnest, true-hearted men to hold the delegate power, men devoted to the party, anxious for it to be the party of the people, planting itself squarely in the lead on all vital questions and maintaining its ascendancy by being up to the front in the march of progress. Standing by every just and holy object, approving the efforts to better the condition of men and women, giving to each and all the largest liberty consistent with the strict enforcement of law, rebuking lawlessness, disorder and crime, purging the nation of the stain of Mormonism, frowning upon the Communists, sympathizing with all honorable efforts to improve the condition of oppressed millions, adjusting the tariff in a way best calculated to promote industry, wisely manufactures and enhance the prosperity of the nation, holding up the standard of the loyalty to government and flag, doing justice to the veterans whose valor and blood have won for us short, being the same grand old man in spirit, in forces, in glory and in honor that saved the nation, freed the slave and made liberty a surety for all time to come.—Omaha Republican (Rep.)

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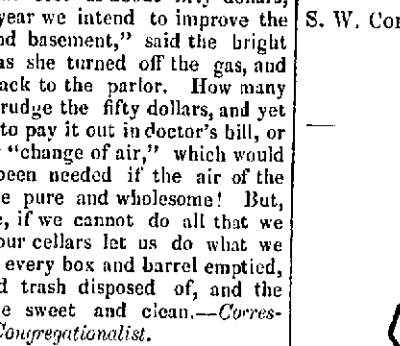
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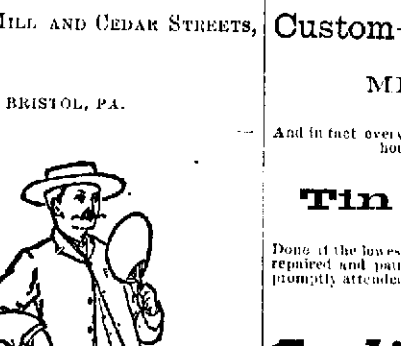
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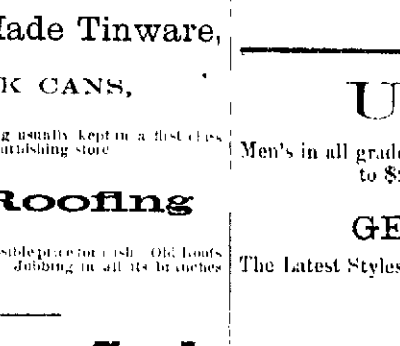
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